

I support media diversity

In reference to Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules, I strongly urge the FCC to retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. One only needs to recall the fomentation of hostility by media owners against anyone in opposition to the war in Iraq to see what can happen when public commentary is limited to a powerful few.

The FCC was created to control and regulate the communications industry for the protection of the public. As such, should the FCC not be listening to the American people, rather than the wealthy few with financial clout to control the communications marketplace?

Thank you.